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THE JUDICIARY BUILDING.

Governor Carter's suggestion that the new Judiciary building be a steel one at a cost of \$500,000 is a corker. These are rather hard times with a few of us, but we suppose that under the Republican prosperity (?) in the mind's eye of Governor Carter, a half million dollars is a mere, *la tettele*. We suppose the next thing our strenuous Governor will suggest is a new police station, modelled in silver, to cost ten millions. The country is so prosperous (?) that it can afford it. Next it may be proposed to have an executive building, modelled in gold, at a cost of ten billion dollars or so.

Speaking seriously, however, we see no reason for planning a new Judiciary building. The present building is large enough to accommodate the business of the courts and Government for the next twenty-five years. As to its stability there is a question, and that question is this: Some of the woodwork inside of the concrete, especially at the Ewa end, has been bored out by ants and is weak. There may be a possibility of Judge Gear dropping through the floor of his court room someday and landing on the head of Daddy Atkinson in the Board of Education office. This would be a catastrophe, both to the top knot of our Superintendent of Education and to the dignity of the Court. To prevent anything of the sort, there is one simple remedy, and that is to replace the woodwork in the weak

at small expense. If it should then be found that the upper floor is shaky, it would be no job at all to insert pillars wherever needed.

If Governor Carter's suggestion that the new building be of steel and cost \$500,000 is intended as a bait to keep local workmen in good humor until after the election, it must fail. The steel for such a building would have to be manufactured in the East, and men familiar with the sections would have to be sent out from the manufactory to put the building together. Local contractors and workmen would not get a dollar out of the contract. It would be a case of good money sent away to enrich Eastern contractors. If public money is spent, we want to see it spent here. Governor Carter should also stand on that platform.

The Presidential Term.

The Chamber of Commerce yesterday adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu places itself on record as endorsing the plan of extending the Presidential term to six years, with no re-election, upon the grounds that Presidential campaigns are now too frequent, putting the country in a state of turmoil and uncertainty and entailing enormous expense to business interests to the detriment of both labor and capital, and further that the President having no re-election to look forward to will enjoy a greater independence in performing the duties of his high position, and

"Resolved, That this Chamber of Commerce favors an amendment to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the United States to effectuate the above plan."

The above proposition had the attention of the framers of the Constitution more than a hundred years ago and has been threshed out several times since. If a President is elected for six years and knows that he cannot have another term, he would be: First—Independent. Second—In feeling independent, he would become arrogant and czarish. Third—Knowing that he had no second term to work for, he would become careless and public business would suffer. Hard work without any hope of reward do not go hand in hand in the Presidential chair any more than they do in the counting house or grocery store.

The Veil Rent In Twain.

It's good to know at this late day that when a man is born in this country of white parents, this country is not his native country, but it is only his adopted country. Although native or Island born, it is considered that this not their country unless it suits a certain purpose, that of holding office in the gift of this country, and that it is deemed they are of the country of their parents, which we deem a very peculiar anomaly. This, then, may account for the reason why many of these Island born whites turned tail at the critical moment, because they were all adopted sons, and bartered the inherent rights of natives for a mere mess of pottage, to which they were not entitled as being to "the manner born." To this view, we thank the Bulletin for letting out, and thereby giving us an opportunity to see through the veil of deceit

He Was An Oiwi.

These Islands are not the adopted country of the late Henry M Whitney, as stated by the Bulletin that his "years were full of activity and earnest service to his adopted country." But rather—the land of his birth, for it was here that he first saw the light of day. He was more than a *kamaaina* (old resident or settler), even more than a *kupa* (native, citizen, subject, or old time resident), but he was an *oiwi* (a native of the soil, even if accidental) and as well he *kanaka Hawaii maoli* (a real, true Hawaiian man) is another application. Both his parents were of the early bands of missionaries and he was born under such auspices as well as his children after him, but he was not of the kind of missionaries known as "fishers of men" and of souls. His special field of missionary activity was in that of letters, in which it may be said he was one of the fathers of newspaper journalism in these Islands. To his soul we say "peace, perfect peace," and to his ashes "requiescat in pace."

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

It has been suggested that when the Democratic District Conventions of Oahu meet on August 24 they adjourn, without making nominations for the Legislature, until Wednesday, September 7. The suggestion is a good one for more reasons than one. An important reason is that it will shorten the campaign, which is highly desirable.

In the death of Senator Hoar the Republican party will lose one of its brainiest men. Of late, however, he has been a thorn in the flesh of the administration, for he opposed in the sturdiest manner the imperialistic policy of Mr McKinley, which was continued by Mr Roosevelt. Senator Hoar was also one of the few Republican members of the upper house who advocated and urged a liberal pension for Queen Liliuokalani.

In the death of H M Whitney, Sr. Honolulu loses its oldest newspaper man, and one of its best citizens. He began his newspaper career here at the time—or before—most of us were in swaddling clothes and had been identified, more or less, with the press ever since. Although his opinions on public questions frequently differed from those of many in the community a good citizen; many people a valuable adviser and a valued friend.

The Postoffice Being Renovated.

A very much needed renovation of the outer appearance of the Postoffice building is taking place today at the hands of native Hawaiian painters and plasterers. Quite a large force are doing the work of brushing off the accumulation of dirt and dust, followed up by the plasterers with trowel and cement, patching up chipped corners and other disfigurements and indentations to the building, and then the painters with their first coat of boiled oil and yellow ochre. More than one-half of the building has already received attention, and when this first coat is done, two more coats of paint will finish the whole job.

M T Simonton, Clem Quinn and H Armitage have been appointed a commission to ascertain the value of the the property of the late Mrs

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